

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Frédéric FORTIN et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3775
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Application No.: 10/760,075	)	Examiner: Woodall, Nicholas W.
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Filed: January 18, 2004	)	
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For: FLEXIBLE VERTEBRAL	)	Confirmation No.: 1916
LINKING DEVICE	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**


Applicant petitions for a one month extension of time to file a reply to the Office Action of May 26, 2009, extending the due date for response to September 28, 2009 (September 26, 2009, falling on a Saturday). A fee of \$65.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter the attached reply and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: September 28, 2009

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